

onset of the Cold War and innumerable other set-backs, Mr. Lie held true to his beliefs in the U.N. Charter, the need for peace, and the importance of building a new world order. Though his new position granted him a great deal of oversight and authority, Lie's vision of the U.N. remained one of a body that would primarily act as a mediator for the world's conflict and friction.

During his time as U.N. Secretary-General, Trygve Lie established his post as one of honor and dignity that held an internationally recognized sphere of influence. His rise to the top position in the U.N. illustrated as much about Lie's professionalism and diplomacy as did his decision to step down in April 1953. Upon realization that his departure could better facilitate peace in Korea and therefore help restore international harmony, he graciously offered his resignation. His sacrifice for the greater good is seldom seen. Trygve Lie was an outstanding contributor to his native Norway and to the international community at large. His success in transitioning the global society away from a period of seemingly irreparable damage created a legacy of peace and hope that should be both commended and emulated.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, twenty-five years ago this April the Taiwan Relations Act was signed into law. For the last quarter of a century, there has been relative peace and tranquility in the Taiwan Strait—thanks in large part to the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which spells out the extent of our commitment to Taiwan in the event of an armed invasion from the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

Today the people of Taiwan enjoy freedom and prosperity. In the years ahead, I am confident that the relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan will only grow stronger as we continue to build on common principles, including freedom, democracy and human rights.

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the TRA, I commend the foresight and wisdom of my colleagues and former colleagues in Congress for having written this landmark piece of legislation, which has benefited both the people of Taiwan and people of the United States. Today I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the strong tradition of cooperation and friendship between the United States and Taiwan. I look forward to the continuation of a relationship that will last for the next twenty-five years and beyond.

CONGRATULATE ELLWOOD CITY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Ellwood

City Area Public Library in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania for their week long celebration commemorating their 90th anniversary starting April 26, 2004. It is an honor to represent such a steadfast facility within the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

For the past nine decades the Ellwood City Area Public Library has provided the residents of Ellwood City with a useful, high-quality institute. The success of the library is often attributed to its ability to constantly adapt to the changing times—always providing the citizens of Ellwood City with the most up-to-date resources available. Now the Ellwood City Area Public Library offers over 45,000 items, ranging from large-print books and magazines to audio and videotapes. Furthermore, the library offers computers for free public internet access and a variety of children's programming. The 90th anniversary celebration is not only a festival to celebrate all the past accomplishments of the library but also to focus on the success that are sure to come in the future.

I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring this institution in my district. The Ellwood City Area Public library has provided an invaluable service to the community for 90 years and, undoubtedly, the next 90 years will be just as successful.

HONORING THE 432ND CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to recognize before this House the brave members of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion, who today return home from a 14-month deployment overseas.

Northeastern Wisconsin is often called "the land of legends" for our fabled football team—the Green Bay Packers. The gridiron leadership of men like Vince Lombardi, Curly Lambeau and Ray Nitschke helped make Green Bay synonymous with strength, courage and triumph. But, it's not our heroes of the playing field that make our area truly legendary—it's the men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line to defend freedom.

Under the most dangerous conditions, the brave troops of the 432nd served 14 intense months overseas, striving to rebuild an Iraq ravaged by tyranny, war and strife. They fought to rebuild schools, reactivate power grids, train police, and so much more. They knew well that all their hard work and they themselves were under constant threat of attack. But, because of their commitment and unwavering devotion to the cause of freedom, this nation reborn can continue to move toward a brighter, more peaceful future.

Our war in Iraq is obviously not finished. But, even with the ongoing challenges, Americans can take comfort in the fact that some of our finest countrymen carry the torch of liberty in Iraq. The proud men and women of the 432nd carried this torch for 14 months, traveling far from here and from their loved ones, putting their lives on hold to fight for democracy and freedom. Today, they are home with us again, and my constituents and I couldn't be happier.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be able to thank the soldiers of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion on behalf of myself, my family, the state of Wisconsin and the people of a grateful nation. It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to serve them and their families in Congress. They, along with all our servicemen and women, deserve our continued praise, support and gratitude. They are our genuine heroes.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MICHAEL MELCHIOR

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Rabbi Michael Melchior, a distinguished member of the Knesset. Rabbi Michael Melchior was born in 1954 in Denmark. He received his rabbinical ordination from Yeshivat Hakotel in Jerusalem. Rabbi Melchior comes from a long line of Scandinavian rabbis, and has served as rabbi of a Jerusalem congregation since 1986. He also has held the title of Chief Rabbi of Norway since 1980.

Since 1996, Rabbi Melchior has been the chairman of Meimad, a modern-Orthodox party, which in 1999 became a faction of One Israel. He was elected to the Knesset in May 1999. From August 1999 until March 2001, Melchior served as Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, responsible for Diaspora and social affairs. Michael Melchior served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from March 2001 until October 2002.

Rabbi Melchior has a passionate interest in the improvement of Israeli society. To this end, he established many programs that deal with the narrowing of gaps in the society between rich and poor, Arab and Jew, secular and religious. Rabbi Melchior has eloquently advocated for an Israel that allows Israelis to feel a strong sense of Jewish identity without pressure or coercion. He has won appreciation both in Israel and abroad for his tireless work for tolerance, democracy and peace. Furthermore, he is universally recognized, from the Israeli Knesset to the international stage, as a figure of vision, conciliation, and peace.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Melchior was part of a very unique group of religious leaders at a summit meeting in Alexandria, in January 2002, which resulted in the historic Alexandria Declaration and initiated the Alexandria process, in which mainstream religious leaders of the Holy Land gave legitimacy for the first time to a religiously authorized peace process. Over the past 2 years the Alexandria process has created positive waves in Israel, Palestine, and throughout the entire Arab world.

Among Rabbi Melchior's many awards are the Norwegian Nobel Institute's Prize for Tolerance and Bridge-Building, and Yeshivat Hakotel's Award for Work in the Diaspora Rabbinate. Rabbi Melchior has written numerous articles published in the Israeli and foreign press.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Melchior's passionate commitment to a comprehensive and lasting peace reveals true leadership and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring him today.